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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 10, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed March 9, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A reply under 37 CFR 1.113 is limited to an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance or a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(b)). The reply submitted on July 14, 2004 did not *prima facie* place the application in condition for allowance as noted in the Advisory Action mailed November 12, 2004. Therefore, as no Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee), Request for Continued Examination (RCE) or a continuing application was timely filed. Extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 10, 2004.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (571) 272-3220.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 1623 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Amendment.

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